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# President Bush declares Hispanic Heritage Month

Throughout our history, America has been a land of diversity and has benefited from the contributions of people of different backgrounds brought together by a love of liberty. During National Hispanic Heritage Month, we celebrate the achievements of Hispanic Americans and the significant role they have played in making out Nation strong, prosperous, and free.

The contributions of Hispanic Americans have made a positive impact on every part of our society. Americans of Hispanic decent are astronauts and athletes, doctors and teachers, lawyers and scientists. The vibrancy of our Nation's Hispanic performers enriches music, dancing, and the arts. Hispanic Americans serve at every level of government, including as Attorney General of the United States and Secretary of Commerce. Latino entrepreneurs are starting and growing businesses all across America, creating job opportunities. The hard work and determination of Hispanic Americans continue to inspire all those who dream of a better life for themselves and their families.

Our Nation's Hispanic community has contributed to the advance of freedom abroad and to the defense of freedom at home. In every generation, Hispanic Americans have served valiantly in the United States military. Today there are more than 200,000 Hispanic Americans serving in the Armed Forces, and our Nation is grateful for their courage and sacrifice. In addition, thousands of Hispanic Americans are helping to defend and protect our homeland by serving as police officers and firefighters. All Americans are thankful for their daily work in helping to keep our Nation safe.

During National Hispanic Heritage Month, we join together to recognize the proud history and rich culture of Hispanic Americans. To honor the achievements of Hispanic Americans, the Congress, by Public Law 100 402, as amended, has authorized and requested the President to issue annually proclamation designating September 15 through October 15 as "National Hispanic Heritage Month."

Now, therefore, I, George W. Bush, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim September 15 through October 15, 2005, as National Hispanic Heritage Month. I call upon public officials, educators, librarians, and all the people of the United States to observe this month with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this sixteenth day of September, in our year of our Lord two thousand five, and the independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirteenth.

> George W. Bush, President of the United States of America

### REMEMBERING



Cpl. Matthew Sylvestre, protocol noncommissioned officer, gazes at the small Prisoners of War/Missing in Action flag below Old Glory at Company H's graduation ceremony last Friday here. Pfc Kaitlyn M. Scarboro/Chevron

# Depot recognizes Hispanic Marines and sailors

Pfc. Kaitlyn M. Scarboro Chevron staff

This year's National Hispanic Heritage Month's theme is "Hispanic Americans: Strong and Colorful Threads in the American Fabric," and it pays tribute to the millions of United States residents from Hispanic

Hispanic Marines and sailors here are brought together in celebration of their culture and upbringing.

Recognized annually since 1988, National Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept 15- Oct 15, is a time for Americans to educate themselves about the influences Hispanic culture has had on today's society.

Maj. Gen. Richard N. Natonski, 1st Marine Division

commanding general, said the contributions of our Hispanic American brothers and sisters in arms has greatly added to the to Corps' illustrious history.

"The Marine Corps' cultural diversity is a force multiplier on the field of battle, and Hispanic Americans have proven themselves time and time again on the battlefield. From the battle fields of the American Revolution to the desserts of Iraq and Afghanistan, Hispanic Americans have shown great courage and selfless dedication to our nation and its freedoms," said Maj. Gen. Natonski.

Marines here contend that people of different cultures working together makes the Marine Corps the warm melting pot it is today.

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# CG'S CUP SOCCER FINISHED

Find out who socced whom to come away with the big brass

# **RECRUIT** SPOTLIGHT

"Lt. Dan's" nephew. He prepared for the service even as a youth.



# **GET YOUR ROLL ON**

Depot's annual intramural bowling league strikes up

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### BRIEFS

### Book signing

Retired Col. Wesley L. Fox, author of "Marine Rilfeman," will hold a book signing at the depot command museum gift shop today from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. For more information, contact Joanna McDonald at (619) 524 -6038. Fox will also attend Company M's recruit graduation as the parade's reviewing officer.

### Assist recruiters in Pa.

Recruiting Stations in Pittsburgh and Harrisburg, Pa., need Marines to serve as recruiter assistants. Additionally, this duty can help Marines earn points toward promotion. For more information about G. Benkart at (412) 395-6355 or Gunnery Sgt. Derrick B. Jones at (717) 770-6637.

# Boot Camp Challenge

The public is invited to run the depot's fourth annual Boot Camp Challenge Oct.

Participants can enter as individuals, or they can sign up in three- or five-person teams to run a three-mile run that includes the same obstacles Marine recruits

Go to www.bootcampchallenge.com to register, or call (619) 524-6058 or (619) year's depot celebrations of the Marine

### Depot DI reunion

Drill instructors, past and present, are invited to attend the MCRD San Diego the program, contact Gunnery Sgt. Bruce Drill Instructors Reunion Oct. 20-22. For more information, please call Sgt. Maj. Terry T. Hoskins, (619) 524-4317, or write 524-1984.

to terry.hoskins@usmc.mil

Other contacts are Sgt. Carter, (619) 524-1776, Randall randall.carter@usmc.mil; and Maj. Frank E. Pulley, (619) 524-8706, frank.pulley@usmc.mil.

### Enlisted ball plans underway

The Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina on Harbor Island Drive will host this Corps birthday. An enlisted ball coordinated by Sgt. Maj. Daniel Anderson will be held Nov. 10. A staff noncommissioned officer ball coordinated by Sgt. Maj. Terry Hoskins will be held Nov. 12.

For more information, please contact your unit representative or call Hoskins at (619) 524-4317 or Anderson at (619) the standards of the U.S. Government.

Marines Hymn playing after Morning Colors

The Marines Hymn now follows Colors each morning on the depot public-address

"Carry on" will follow the hymn. As is customary, Marines always terminate their salutes on the last note of music for Colors. As a show of respect, service members and others should stand at the position of attention for the playing of the Marines Hymn and until "Carry on"

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# Hispanic-American Medals of Honor

Fourty-one Hispanic-Americans are among more than 3,400 Medal of Honor recipients. Thirteen are

- Lance Cpl. Emilio A. De La Garza Vietnam, 1st Marine Division. Entered service in Chicago.
- Pfc. Ralph E. Dias Vietnam, 1st Marine Division. Entered service in Pittsburgh. Born in Shelocta, Penn.
- + Pfc. Fernando Luis Garcia Korea, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division. Entered service in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Born in Utuado, Puerto Rico.
- \* Pfc. Edward Gomez Korea, 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division. Entered service in Omaha, Neb. Born in Omaha.
- Pfc. Harold Gonsalves World War II, 15th Marines, 6th Marine Division. Born in Alameda, Calif.
- \* Sgt. Alfredo Gonzalez Vietnam, 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division. Entered service in San Antonio. Born in Edinburg, Texas.
- \* Staff Sgt. Ambrosio Guillen Korea, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division. Entered service in El Paso, Texas. Born in La Junta, Colo.
- **Lance Cpl. Jose Francisco Jimenez** Vietnam, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division. Born in Mexico City. Entered service in Phoenix.
- **...** Lance Cpl. Miguel Keith Vietnam, Combined Action Platoon 1-3-2, III Marine Amphibious Force. Born in San Antonio. Entered service in Omaha.
- ♣ 1st Lt. Baldomero Lopez Korea, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division. Entered service in Tampa, Fla.
- ♣ Pfc. Eugene Arnold Obregon Korea, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division. Born in Los Angeles.
- Pvt. France Silva The Boxer Rebellion (1901). Born in Haywards, Calif., May 8, 1876.
- ♣ Maj. Jay R. Vargas Jr. Vietnam, 4th Marines, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade. Born in Winslow, Ariz.

# Heritage, from pg. 1

"It's diversity of our culture that makes the Marine Corps so strong. We treat everybody equally based jor. on their ability and performance," said Gunnery Sgt. E.W. Seaward, administrative chief.

A native of Waukegan, Ill., near Chicago, Lance Cpl. Robert Padilla, administrative clerk, said he is grateful for his heritage, and he believes being a His-

"I learned a lot about my heritage just from schools spending so much time teaching about Hispanic culture," he said.

The month was originally created to encourage educators and counselors to expand the subjects they taught and make the classrooms more diverse.

"I grew up in a mixed community, predominately black. Even before the Marine Corps, I was always taught that color and race wasn't how a person was judged. It was always performance and ability," said Padilla.

To date, 41 Hispanic Americans have received the Medal of Honor. Thirteen Hispanic Medal of Honor recipients are Marines ranging from private to ma-

"In boot camp, when they are talking about Medal of Honor recipients, all you hear is names and you see faces. You don't care what race they are," said Padilla. "We're all equal. What does color matter when I'm in combat? Just because he's yellow, brown, white or panic Marine is just like being a Marine of any other black; it doesn't mean you can't depend on him. He's still got your back."

Hispanic Heritage Month begins September 15, the anniversary of independence for five Latin American countries - Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico declared its independence on Sept. 16, and Chile on Sept. 18, according to the Infoplease Hispanic Heritage Month

The observation was initiated in 1968 as National Hispanic Heritage Week, but it was expanded in 1988 to include the entire 31-day period.



Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego personnel attended a weekend at Petco Park Sept. 17-18. The San Diego Padres donated tickets to the USO to distribute to military organizations thought the city. Pvt. Charlie Chavez/Chevron

# Padreswelcomeservicemembers

by Pvt. Charlie Chavez Chevron staff

from Marine Corps Recruit Depot clerk. San Diego enjoyed a weekend at Petco Park Sept. 17 and 18.

tickets to the United Services Or- the first time Lance Cpl. Randall ganization to distribute to service L. Blankenship, armory staff, had members and their families.

baseball game. Its not Yankee Sta- tive is not an avid baseball fan, but

dium like I'm used to, but getting he went to spend time with friends. to go to a baseball game courtesy of the military was cool," said Lance Marines and civilian employees Cpl. Junior A. Caba, post office

Saturday's game was the first time the Washington Nationals The San Diego Padres donated visited Petco Park. This was also been to a professional baseball "It was nice to get to go to a game. The Martinsville, Ind., na"Saturday's game was not as cool

as Sunday's," said Blankenship. "Sunday's game was better; we walked around and took in the sights and sounds of the ballpark. The Padres also played a great

The Padres won Saturday's game, beating the Nationals 8-5 with dramatic offensive play, and they won Sunday's game in a 2-1

# LIFE AS A

# Low on the totem, but it's not all bad

by Pfc. Kaitlyn M. Scarboro Chevron staff

I don't even rate to wear my little blue ribbon yet. You know, the one you get after being in the fleet for 60 days. I haven't even reached the end of my first enlisted year.

According to my friends, I was just recently promoted from shower shoe to gofaster.

I like being considered overly motivated and perky. I enjoy 'oorahs' and 'devil dogs.' I still smile at recruits and return their greeting of the day because I remember what it was like to be there "just a few

My friends around the barracks pick on me when we go out to eat, offering to take me places like Chuck E Cheese's or McDonald's so I can play on the little kids toys while they finish their meals. Being new to the Marine Corps

is like being new to the world, fresh out of the womb. You have so much potential and so many opportunities avail-

But don't worry. The wonder and awe of it all fades away quickly. And then you are just another Marine doing your job in the same outfit as everybody else.

But you are still the new guy. As the new guy, you get picked on a bunch. You get sent on gag office supply runs or get stuck taking out the trash every night. You usually get tasked to do the job nobody else wants to do and you are expected to do it with a smile.

It's the life of the new guy, the green blooded, the boot. It's not all

Earning the title Marine is a big accomplishment that hardly goes unnoticed. Despite getting stuck with the dirty work, there is a bond between Marines that can never be broken. You've proven yourself loyal to the same cause that millions of

other people have turned up their nose at or don't have enough discipline to pursue.

Not only have you taken the challenge to better yourself, you have overcome all the obstacles and proven yourself dedicated to the protection of your country, Corps and

I came to this realization when I had the opportunity to visit with many Vietnam veterans at a dinner banquet after I had only served a few weeks in the fleet. They served their country and defended the

rights of the constitution so I could live my life with the freedoms our forefathers intended. I considered it a great honor to be invited to such an event. The retirees and

> expressed to me what an honor it was for them to be in my company. They knew what it took for me to join the Marine

veterans, however,

Corps. They understood what a compromise it was for me to leave home for the adventures and challenges of the military. My lack of experience

in the military was of no consequence to them. They held me in the highest regard because I joined knowing that sometime soon I could be returning fire in a giant sand box on the other side of the world.

They expressed remorse in the fact that they could not take my place at the battlefields. Some wanted to return to the heat of the battle, and some wanted to protect the young lady standing in front of them from the horrors they couldn't bear to speak of.

I went to the banquet intending to honor the ladies and gentlemen who had served in a war with my grandfather, a retired Army colonel. Instead, I was honored for being courageous enough to follow in his footsteps.

Being the new guy isn't all that bad. The trash doesn't take itself out, that's for sure. But wearing the uniform of a United States Marine is reward enough, even if it is a little too constricting to climb the rope wall in McDonald's ball pen.

# Drinkinganddriving still a Corps problem



by Sgt. Roe Seigle contributing writer

We have all heard the issue on drinking and driving more than 100 times, but apparently, it is not sinking into the thick skulls of some

Every Friday I tell my Marines that drinking and driving is stupid. It's just something that we, as Marines, hear every weekend during a safety brief. You would think that if we are smart enough to navigate on a battlefield, we should be smart enough to understand such a simple

However, this very weekend it is likely a Marine will get behind the wheel of a vehicle, while intoxicated, after being told not to do so in a safety brief by his superior. According to the Provost Marshal's Office, it is mostly males below the rank of sergeant and also below the age of 25 that think they are not going to get caught. Despite seemingly popular opinion, you are not Superman just because you had a few shots of whiskey. If anything, you are now even more stupid than you were before you started drinking that poison.

Recently, I was out in Oceanside seeing a movie and having a good time without getting liquored up. I noticed two obviously drunk Marines stumble out of a bar and get into the passenger side of a four-door truck. I sat for two minutes, and low and behold, here comes some other wasted Marine fumbling his keys around and getting into the driver's

I tried talking to this moron, but he was in what I call the "invisible and invincible stage" of being drunk. I tried talking sense to this genius without getting abrasive, but he insisted that even though he smelled like a brewery, he was just fine to drive.

After trying to deter this idiot and attempting to block his truck, the 150-pound knucklehead threatened to "slam" me, at 205 pounds, then sped off, putting everyone in the vehicle with him in danger, as well as all of the innocent people on the road.

So, he got away, but I am sure he will do it again, and eventually get

There is something that 90 percent of these drunks have in common when they are busted by the cops. They all claim to have had only "a

They can be so drunk they can barely talk, but somehow they got that drunk off of a couple of drinks. I guess the half of a keg they drank was one drink, and the half bottle of liquor they had with it was the other

Listen Marines, I don't care if you had one drink, or 20 drinks. You do not get behind the wheel after drinking alcohol. It is not that hard to understand. You are not invincible and even though you feel fine and think you do not appear drunk, other people, such as law enforcement, can tell you are drunk.

There is only so much that can be done to prevent Marines from driving drunk. It is ultimately in the hands of the individual Marine that knows he is going to go out and consume alcohol.

Is it really worth the risk? Is it really worth getting arrested, paying fines, having to go to court, losing your driving privileges, possibly dying over or becoming a murderer when you kill an innocent person with your stupidity?

No, it is not Marines. So just don't do it.

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# Take advantage!

The Chevron staff welcomes readers' opinions and encourages everyone to submit letters and articles. We all have ideas, and it's great that we can publish them in the depot newspaper. To share an opinion or discuss ideas, write me at jess.levens@usmc.mil or call (619) 524-8749. Semper Fi.

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Service Company's Cpl. Kristian R. Carlson maneuvers around 12th District's Sgts. Miguel Gutierrez Jr. and Mak Bun in the first game of the play-off tournament.



CG'S

# **CHAMPIONSHIP WEEK**







# GET YOUR KICKS Service Co. rocks all competition;

CPAC finishes third

by Pvt. Charlie Chavez Chevron staff

Service Company won the coveted first place trophy in the Commanding General's Cup soccer playoffs here Tuesday.

The tournament began with Service Co. taking on 12th Marine Corps District in a close game.

Service Co. took the lead early in the game with a score from Staff Sgt. Victor phies.

District answered back with two goals, the first of two slots for the championship cool."

Next, Coast Guard's Maritime Safety and Security team faced off against Consolidated Personnel Administrations Center in an epic struggle for the second seat in the championship game.

The game began in CPAC's favor with an early goal from Cpl. Alfredo Hernandez. CPAC remained in the lead until Petty Officer 2nd Class Sam Wilson scored two con-

secutive goals to win the game 2-1.

District played CPAC for third place. CPAC started their relentless onslaught early scoring five goals at will and showing District no mercy. District did manage to avoid a shutout scoring a single goal late in the game. CPAC, sore from its earlier loss, won the game 5-1.

In the championship, Service Co. slammed Coast Guard 5-1 for the big tro-

"It was a team effort," said Service Co.'s Lance Cpl. Oscar Gonzalez-Millan. "Everybut lost 4-2. Service Co. managed to clinch one held their positions and didn't lose their

> Coast Guard was missing several players who are deployed to help Hurricane Katrina

> "The team was tired because they didn't have enough players to cycle through, they have a lot of deployments," said Coast Guard Petty Officer 1st Class Francisco Salgado, MSST personnel.

> The next CG's Cup event is sand volleyball, which kicks off this week.



Service Company's Sgt. Paul J. Cubacaro and 12th District's Sgt. Nicholas Lopez race after a

Service Company's Sgt. Paul J. Cubacaro takes a shot at 12th District's goal. Lance Cpl. Patrick York blocked the shot.

Powell, Wyo

Recruited by



Simi Valley, Calif Recruited by Sgt. R. Johnson



San Antonio Recruited by Sgt. E. Quiroga

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# MIKE COMPANY

These are America's newest Marines and their leaders

Recruit Depot San Diego. Company M graduates 473 men today: THIRDRECRUITTRAINING BATTALION Lt. Col. R. W. Gates Sergeant Major Sgt. Major S. B. Mearkle

at Marine Corps

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Pfc. E. D. Wheeler

Pfc. M. T. Whitfield



Company M men do an abdominal exercise during a 2.5-mile strength and endurance physical training course here. Pfc. Charlie Chavez/Chevron

Pvt. J. R. Clarke Pfc. A. D. Cohen Pvt. R. A. Courtne Pvt. K. A. Delacruz Pfc. B. M. Dolan Pvt. J. Dunbar Pvt. G. J. Gardina Pvt. A. Gonzales Pvt. G. D. Gonzales \*Pfc. J. M. Kline Pvt. K. R. Ledford Pvt. A. Lesu Pvt. N. Lopez-Rodrigue Pvt. M. Loucel Pvt. G. A. Machado Pvt. G. P. Montesnaje Pvt. J. M. Moriarty Pvt. D. V. Nguyen Pvt. S. T. Olson \*Pfc. Z. T. Orth Pfc. J. C. Parker Pvt. V. M. Parrarodriguez Pfc. S. J. Pavelski Pvt. R. J. Ouam Pvt. J. C. Radke Pvt. M. Rangel Pvt. S. C. Reyes Pvt. B. Robles \*Pfc. J. J. Rosa Pvt. J. T. Rutkowski Pfc. R. Serrano Pfc. J. W. Shirey Pvt. S. A. Simpsor Pvt. B. J. Smith Pvt. D. A. Smith Pfc. M. N. Smith Pvt. J. M. Snell

Pvt. B. D. Staas Pvt. T. N. Thomas Pvt. B. A. Tompkins Pfc. M. S. Tovar Pvt. J. V. Urrutia Pvt. N. Velazquez Pvt. A. M. Walters \*Pfc. G. M. Weldon Pvt. B. E. Wickersheim Pvt. T. R. Willis Pfc. J. W. Wooden Pvt. K. W. Woods

Pvt. C. K. Zarker PLATOON 3110 Senior Drill Instructor Staff Sgt. R. E. Alvarez

Pvt. T. N. Yang

PLATOON 3109 Senior Drill Instructor Sgt. H. L. Marquez Sgt. D. J. Lopez

Pvt. R. Alonso

Pvt. N. Caulev

Pvt. J. Ayala

\*Pfc. J. Bowling Pvt. M. J. Brandor Pfc. T. M. Brinkman Pvt. J. Byler Pvt. E. Calacuayo \*Pfc. T. D. Cannella Pfc. L. A. Cavazos Pvt. W. R.childrress Pvt. J. R. Claiborne Pfc. B. Deflecourt Pvt. A. Deleon Pvt. R. Delgado Pvt. A. E. Duncan Pvt. J. Duncan Pvt. F. B. Ennis Pvt. J. G. Farnden Pvt. J. D. Farr Pfc. A. F. Fischer Pvt. C. L. Flanagan Pvt. I. Flores Pfc. J. T. Foltz Pvt. C. L. Ford Pvt. D. J. Francoeur Pvt. R. C. Freeman Pvt. C. M. Garred Pvt. S. Garvey Pvt. R. P. Gurule Pfc. d. L. Harris Pvt. M. A. Hempe Pvt. E. B. Hintz Pfc. R. D. Hubbard Pvt. D.r. hutchinsor Pvt. B. Jones

**Drill Instructors** 

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Pvt. J. D. Mieske Pvt. D. E. Montoya Pvt. N. Moore Pvt. A. A. Mora \*Pfc. Z. R. Morales Pvt. J. Moreno Pfc. B. Mrla Pvt. J. A. Mrla Pvt. R. J. Munoz Pvt. M. A. Murrov Pvt. H. J. Musson Pfc.. L. Myers Pvt. W. Newell Pvt. M. M. Otero Pvt. G. J. Randall

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Sgt. T. C. Hubbard Pvt. J. R. Arment Pvt. R. Bell Jr.

Pfc. M. L. Jolitz Pvt. B. Jordan Pvt. A. D. Kagarico Pvt. J. S. Kim Pfc. M. H. Kim Pvt. C. A. Levv Pvt. J. D. Lewis Pvt. D. J. Marshall Pvt. B. T. Martin Pfc. K. J. Martin Pvt. K. T. Martin Pfc. C. Martinezvene Pfc. D. W. McCoy Pfc. K. McHatten Pvt. J. A. Miller Pfc. J. Montano Pvt. A. N. Nazir Pvt. A. A. Nelson Pfc. T. A. Nizami Pvt. I. E. Ohm Pfc. A. L. Ou Pvt. M. L. Pate Pvt. N. J. Patterson Pvt. R. J. Perez

Pvt. I. Relayze Pvt. J. R. Rodriguez Pvt. B. J. Roseberry \*Pfc. B. S. Saffel \*Pfc. W. E. Sanabri Pvt. C. L. Sanders Pfc. F. J. Schipper Pvt. M. H. Schmidt Pvt. E. A. Schmiedeler Pvt. D. A. Schuette Pvt. J. A. Snoke Pvt. D. R. Snyder Jr Pfc. L. A. Tapiajuarez \*Pfc. J. D. Thielking \*Pfc. J. J. Todd Pfc. S. J. Torres Pvt. A. J. Tripi Pvt. R. Tso Jr Pvt. B. J. VanEffer Pvt. C. R. Wallace Pvt. J. R. White Pvt. I. M. Wright Pvt. B. M. Wynn PLATOON 3112

Pvt. V. A. Ramirez

Pvt. R. H. Reed

**COMPANY CURIOSITIES** Here's how men from Mike Company answered Chevron's questions about their interests and boot camp experiences:

Briseño III

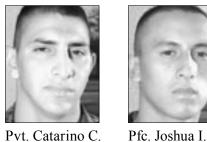
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Q: Why did you ioin the Marine Corps?



Pfc. Michael N. Smith Vista, Calif. A: I wanted to be a A: Sleeping late. Marine, just like my father.

Q: What do you Q: What is your miss most from favorite Meal, civilian life? Ready to Eat?



Pfc. Joshua I. Villalta Downey, Calif.

A: Beef enchilladas.



Pfc. Gavin M. Treese, Platoon 3107, Company M, was raised by former Army officers, and he attended military school as a youth. Lance Cpl. Dorian Gardner/Chevron

by Lance Cpl. Dorian Gardner Chevron staff

Pfc. Gavin M. Treese was just an infant when his father retired from the Army. His mother had just gotten out of the Army after 11 years. It was the stories they told that sparked his interest in the military. The California-native decided to continue the family military tradition, but instead of joining the Army, he decided to become one of the few and the

After waiting a year in the delayed entry program, Treese finally made it to the depot and joined Platoon 3107, Company

Even before the recruiters, Treese had his first experience with the drill instructors while he was still a junior in high

Treese's father said he and his wife were surprised to hear their son request to go to a military academy. Not long before, he was going through those challenging times that teenagers often go through

"He had colored hair and wanted a mohawk," said his father, Jack. "He was going through this punk rock phase. I really thought he was headed down the wrong path.'

Treese attended the Marine Military Academy, Harlingen, Texas. The program started with four weeks of training similar to the first phase of recruit training aboard the depot, but not nearly as intense, according to Treese.

"It was different because I went from making my own schedule to going their and having to do what (the instructors) wanted me to do, when they wanted me to do it, how they wanted me to do it," said Treese.

After the four weeks were over, Treese graduated to cadet status and started training.

"The drill instructors there were all former Marine drill instructors, but the yelling was a lot more low key and relaxed," said Treese. "Nothing like what it is here."

Treese spent a semester at the academy and returned to Royal High School in Simi Valley, Calif., at the end of the training program

Later, Treese came to his parents and told them he wanted to join the Marine Corps, according to his father. Even though he was surprised, Treese's father was not unhappy with the news.

"When he told me, I had this big grin on my face," said Jack.

His decision to join the Marine Corps was supported not only by his parents, but also by his uncle, film and television actor Gary Sinise. The man who played Lt. Dan in Forrest Gump is a huge supporter of the military and said he was very proud to hear his nephew was following the family tradition.

"It's not a total surprise," said Sinise. "His family has a history of serving in the military. He definitely has the right stuff."

Although he never enlisted, Sinise is involved with the military today by

# BORNREADY

# New Marine came prepped by family, military schooling

performing with his band, the "Lt. Dan Band," at United Service Organization events. The band has performed in several USO tours overseas, including the Middle East. Sinise said it is important that the troops know the public back home supports them and what they are doing.

"We are fortunate to have volunteers that do the hard work in defense of this country and the least I could do is pitch in," said Sinise.

With the support of his family behind him, it was evident which direction Treese was headed. He was confident about pursuing a life in the military. His parents' memories served as good recruiting tools.

and how they enjoyed their time in made me think about it," said Treese. "They had a lot of pride in serving their country."

According to Treese, he knew of the five military branches and it was not hard to decide which one he wanted to join. "You tell people you are a Marine,"

said Treese, "and automatically they think you are elite, you are the best.' Treese and his father went to the

recruiting station together to get information about the Marines.

"Initially we were sitting with the recruiter and (Gavin) said, 'I want to be an infantryman," said Jack. "The job was kind of a compromise, but the point is he was just so gung ho, he just wanted to go."

They discussed other options and decided that it would be best to start with something different and do infantry later, according to his father. Treese enlisted as a helicopter technician.

By the time shipping day had come, Treese was ready for it. "He was ready to go," said his father. "When the (recruiter) showed up at three in the morning, Gavin had a smile on his face."

"Nothing really (worried me)," said Treese. "I knew what I was getting myself into. The only thing that had me a little nervous was the Reaper hike - the Cru-

"For lack of a better word, this place sucks," was written in the first letter Treese's parents received from him. Treese was the guide of his platoon for the first month of training, so he was responsible for every recruit's mistake. But good memories also came from training.

"I remember when we were up north, and our drill instructor sat us down in the squad bay," said Treese. "We sat there "Just the way they talked about serving and he let us joke with each other. That was a good time. I will always remember

> Before recruits leave boot camp, they develop as a person, physically and men-

> "The best thing about boot camp was just seeing the improvement in yourself, from when you were in first phase to third phase," said Treese. "Even in third phase - seeing first phase recruits and knowing we used to look like that and march like that."

Treese plans to go to college while serving in the reserves aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

"Once I have my degree, I am going to become commissioned so I can fly helicopters," said Treese.

Entering training as a private, Treese excelled to become a private first class and graduates today as a squad leader. He will now carry on the proud military family tradition. Who knows? Maybe his Uncle Gary and the "Lt. Dan Band" will entertain him at a USO show.

# Colonel Wesley L. Fox

PARADEREVIEWINGOFFICER

Colonel Wesley L. Fox was the 48th Marine to be awarded the Medal of Honor for outstanding heroism, while serving as commanding officer of Company A, 1st Battalion, 9th Marines, 3rd Marine Division. in action against the enemy in the Republic of Vietnam Feb. 22, 1969. President Richard M Nixon presented the Medal of Honor to Fox during a joint service ceremony held at the White House on March 2, 1971.

Born Sept. 30, 1931, in Herndon, Va., Wesley Lee Fox attended Warren County High School in Front Royal, Va., until 1948. His schooling in the Marine Corps includes the Airborne School, Fort Benning, Ga., Underwater Swimming School at Subic Bay, Philippine Islands Military Assistance Training Advisors Course at the John F. Kennedy Warfare Center, Fort Bragg, N.C., and Amphibious



Warfare School, Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Va.

Enlisting in the Marine Corps on Aug. 4, 1950, he was ordered to the Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C., for recruit training

After a brief tour as a rifleman with the 2nd Marine Division at Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C., he next served his initial tour during the Korean conflict as a rifleman with Company I, 3rd Bn., 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division. Wounded in action on Sept. 8, 1951, he was evacuated to U.S.

Medical Center, Bethesda, Md. Upon his release from Bethesda in March 1952, he

Naval Hospital, National Naval

served with the Armed Forces Police in Washington, D.C., as a patrolman until September 1953 when he was reassigned to Marine Aircraft Group 11 in Japan.

Returning to Korea for his second tour, Fox served as a platoon sergeant with Co. G, 3rd Bn., 5th Marines, and upon returning to the United States, he served briefly at Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif., prior to being assigned to Drill Instructor School at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego.

Completing his course of instruction in August 1955, he remained in San Diego as a drill instructor until August 1957, when he returned to the East Coast to attend Recruiters School at Parris Island.

After completing his tour as a recruiter in December 1960, he was ordered back to the West Coast and served as a platoon sergeant with the 1st Force Reconnaissance Company at

Okinawa through November 1962. In December 1962, he was assigned as a troop handler at Marine Air Detachment, in Jacksonville, Fla., until September 1965.

both Camp Pendleton and on

Fox next saw duty in the Office of the Provost Marshall, Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe in Paris, France.

In May 1966, he was promoted to first sergeant and later commissioned as a second lieutenant. Returning to the United States in August of that year, he became a platoon commander with the 2nd Force Reconnaissance Company at Camp Lejeune.

Fox was ordered to the Republic of Vietnam where he served as a battalion advisor to the Vietnamese Marine Corps for thirteen months. Reassigned in November 1968, he became the commanding officer of Co. A, 1st Bn., 9th Marines, 3rd Marine Division, until May 1969. It was during this assignment that he earned the nation's highest decoration for bravery – the

Medal of Honor. After 43 years of Marine Corps service, he retired as a colonel in September In addition to the Medal of

Honor, his medals and decorations include: the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V," the Navy Commendation Medal with one gold star, the Purple Heart with three gold stars in lieu fourth award, the Combat Action Ribbon, the Presidential Unit Citation, the Good Conduct Medal with four gold stars in lieu of subsequent awards, the National Defense Service Medal with one bronze star, the Korean Service Medal with three bronze stars, the United Nations Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with one silver star and one bronze star in lieu of subsequent awards, two Vietnamese Crosses of Gallantry, the Vietnamese Honor Medal 1st Class the Vietnamese Unit Cross of Gallantry with palm, the Korean Presidential Unit Citation, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

# BOWL-O-RAMA



Marines donned multi-colored bowling shoes in lieu of combat boots for a new season of league play at the depot recreation center. Pfc. Kaitlyn M. Scarboro/Chevron

# Old rivalries flare anew as depot's annual bowling league rolls on

By Kaitlyn M. Scarboro Chevron staff

eer, bloused bowling shoes and people walking in carrying over-sized hand bags; bowling season has officially begun at the depot recreation center for the depot-sponsored leagues.

Originally scheduled to begin Sept. 7, the season was pushed back a week due to an insufficient amount of participating teams.

There are many promising depot teams this season, but the long time rivals Munson V and the Anti-Munsons are

expected to lead the lanes this season, according to seasoned league-veterans.

The Munson V, headed by retired depot chief of staff, Col. Thomas W. Spencer, have, unexpected by most, lost the championships the last three consecutive years but expect to make a triumphant come-back this year, according Spencer.

Maj. Ronald G. Capes, depot provost marshal and organizer of the Slingblades, referred to a plaque, which is a memorial to Spencer and his bowling legacy, embedded into the bowling lane on which the Munsons played against the Anti-Munsons.

"Col. Spencer's plaque on the lane did nothing to prevent him from losing," said Capes shortly before Spencer bowled four strikes in a row, but lost the game to the Anti-Munsons.

The Anti-Munsons, led by Master Gunnery Sgt. Frank R. McCracken, have officially deemed themselves the archrivals of the Munson V.

James P. Macfarlane, a veteran Munson member, attributes the creation of the Anti-Munsons to McCracken's jealousy. McCracken had originally wanted to be on the Munson team but claims to have been turned down.

Macfarlane disputes the accusation however, stating, "We offered him a spot and a shirt with a name on it – but he didn't want to be 'Sheryl.'"

The Munsons weren't the only team Mc-Cracken tried to join which required him to wear women's clothing. "I tried to get on the District Divas. They wanted me to wear a dress," he said reluctantly.

Spencer explained that many of the league teams admire the shirts the Munsons adopted during last years' season. The Munson IV, last year's team, wore black T-shirts with red and orange flames engulfing the team name while a bowling ball smashes into white bowling pins.

Master Gunnery Sgt. Daniel Bennett spoke of possibilities the Anti-Munsons might get retaliatory T-shirts. "Rumor has it that our shirts will be identical to theirs, but opposite in color."

With many more available lanes, more teams are encouraged to join the league.

Games are played Wednesday nights in the recreation center at 5:00 free of charge to league members.